

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

GEORGE J. SEBASTIAN, III,)
Petitioner,)
v.) Case No. CIV-24-527-SLP
JOE BIDEN, *et al.*,)
Respondents.)

ORDER

Petitioner, a state prisoner appearing pro se, filed a Petition [Doc. No. 1] styled as one brought under “28 U.S.C. § 2241,” asserting jurisdictional issues associated with his state court conviction. On July 1, 2024, United States Magistrate Judge Amanda Maxfield Green entered a Report and Recommendation [Doc. No. 8] (R&R) recommending the Court dismiss the action without prejudice for failure to follow the Court’s orders. Judge Green advised Petitioner of his right to object to the R&R and directed any objections be filed on or before July 22, 2024. Judge Green further advised Petitioner that any failure to object would waive Petitioner’s right to appellate review of the factual and legal issues addressed in the R&R. To date, no objection to the R&R has been filed nor has an extension of time in which to object been sought or granted. Upon review, the Court concurs with the analysis set forth in the R&R.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the R&R [Doc. No. 8] is ADOPTED in its entirety and this action is DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. A separate Judgment of Dismissal shall be entered contemporaneously with this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 11(a) of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, the Court must issue or deny a certificate of appealability (“COA”) when it enters a final order adverse to a petitioner.¹ A COA may issue only if Petitioner “has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.” *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). “A petitioner satisfies this standard by demonstrating that jurists of reason could disagree with the district court’s resolution of his constitutional claims or that jurists could conclude the issues presented are adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further.” *Miller-El v. Cockrell*, 537 U.S. 322, 327 (2003); *see Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). “When the district court denies a habeas petition on procedural grounds without reaching the prisoner’s underlying constitutional claim, a COA should issue when the prisoner shows, at least, that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right and that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the district court was correct in its procedural ruling.” *Slack*, 529 U.S. at 484. Upon consideration, the Court finds the requisite standard is not met in this case. Therefore, a COA is DENIED. The denial shall be included in the judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 31st day of July, 2024.



SCOTT L. PALK
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ A state prisoner seeking to appeal the denial of a habeas petition filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 must obtain a COA. *See Montez v. McKinna*, 208 F.3d 862, 867 (10th Cir. 2000).